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Feel the burn



Air Force/Tech. Sgt Scott Reed

Senior Airman Joe Crocker (right) and Staff Sgt. Kevin Maxfield test a water hose prior to a controlled trailer burn Saturday. Both are firefighters with the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron fire department. The burn was filmed to calculate the time it takes for a trailer to be fully engulfed by flames. According to Senior Master Sgt. William Hodges, 332nd ECES fire chief, the video will be used as a learning tool for deployed servicemembers.

Ravens dancers spread holiday weekend cheer

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake 332nd AEW/Public Affairs

Baladians got a morale boost on the Fourth of July weekend when members of a National Football League cheerleading team visited Balad and LSA Anaconda Saturday.

Twelve members of the only co-ed cheerleading team, the Baltimore Ravens, stopped by the Tuskegee Town recreation tent to talk with servicemembers and later performed at the Sustainer Theater.

Napoleon Martinez, one of the Ravens' cheerleading coaches, said this was the second year the team came out to Southwest Asia to help bring some entertainment to deployed servicemembers.

"As much as we do with Ravens performances, we feel that this is the most important (performance) that we're doing," he said as dozens of Airmen from T-Town lined up with their digital cameras to take pictures with the team. "We feel that for everything that you all do for us and all the sacrifices that you make, this is the least that we can do."

Nashanta, a four-year veteran for the Ravens, said she was moved by what she saw when she first arrived in Iraq.

"The minute we got here we got so much love from the troops and they really made us feel safe out here," she said.

Staci, a three-year veteran for the team, said if she had a chance to come back to Iraq in the future, she wouldn't hesitate.

"We want to come out here to motivate and support our troops... whatever we can do to keep their morale up," she explained. "If I had the opportunity, I would come out here again."

Commander's comments

332nd Wing commander urges Airmen to stay mission focused

Col. Blair Hansen

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander



The 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing is an organization rich in history, honor, and pride. I knew this even before I arrived last month. Now that I've had a chance to see first-hand the people that continue this tradition, I know so much more.

I've seen hard-working, diligent Airmen that care deeply about the mission. Everywhere I go: Balad, Tallil, Kirkuk, or Baghdad, our peo-

ple seem to know that it's all about the mission. Commanders don't have to constantly remind their folks that our mission is the top pri-

ority. At home station, our people are oftentimes our main concern. But, everyone here puts themselves aside and makes the mission the utmost priority. That's key because no matter what we currently have to do, and no matter what is asked of us, I know we'll be able to accomplish it because of your "can-do" attitude.

It's the same positive spirit that's allowed us to witness an important part of Iraq's changing history. Iraq is now a sovereign nation with new leadership, and you should be very proud to have had a role in it. Your spirit and determination are an example to other Americans as well as Iraqis experiencing freedom for the first time.

We will continue helping to provide a stable environment for the new government until its roots take hold and their fledgling democracy begins growing. With your continued determination and steadfast commitment to the mission, I know we'll accomplish our goals.

squeezetoy



"rap and rock fuse with electric jazz beats, smooth grooves, and hints of reggae dancehall, conjuring sonic images of both 311 and Black Eyed Peas"

ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT

Location: Sustainer Theater When: July 16, 7 p.m.





PUBLIC HEALTH NOTE

"Public Health Note" is a column that answers frequently asked public health questions. Submit questions to public.health@BLAB.aorcentaf.af.mil.

: When I finish my tour at Balad, I'm ready to go home. However, I've learned that I must complete some medical paperwork and pick-



:Your unit travel representative is your ticket out of here. Among other responsibilities, your UTR must assure your proper completion of the AFF 2796, "Post Deployment Health Assessment." After you complete the form, the UTR forwards it to the 332nd EMDG/EMEDS (Expeditionary Medical Support) clinic for review. Once we've approved the form, we pull your medical documents, secure your primaquine medicine from a healthcare provider and bring these items to the weekly PERSCO out-processing briefing. When you arrive at the briefing we'll have all your medical materials ready for you. Failure to follow these procedures will make it more difficult for you to leave Balad. Help us help you get home as quickly as possible.

Meet your neighbor



Capt. Mark Keels

Home station: 125th Fighter Wing, Jacksonville, Fla.

Unit: 332nd ECES

Arrived in the AOR: May 21 Family: Wife, Michelle Hobbies: Woodworking

How do I contribute to the mission? I assist the commander with planning, organizing and directing more than 200

civil engineers working on more than 50 projects.

What is my favorite aspect of this deployment? This is an engineer's dream deployment. As an engineer, I have the opportunity to work on both verticle and horizontal construction projects ranging anywhere in price from \$100 to \$18 million. Besides my family, what do I miss back home? I miss going to Home Depot.

CHEER: Baltimore Ravens visit Balad



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Cohen Young

Tracy, a Baltimore Ravens cheerleader, talks with Master Sgt. Randall Butt and Senior Master Sgt. Dan Gamboa, both of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing safety office, during a visit to the Tuskegee Town recreation tent Saturday morning.

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Airman 1st Class Lorenzo Livingston, 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, said he was surprised the team took time to come all the way out to Balad to visit deployed servicemembers.

"I think it's pretty nice that they came all the way out here to visit us and show how much they appreciate us," said the Airman deployed from the 354th CES at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lopez, a member of the 332nd Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility, thought it was a pleasant change to see male cheerleaders at a morale visit.

During the performance at the Sustainer Theater, Sergeant Lopez was singled out of the crowds of hundreds of male servicemembers by Mark, an Army guardsmen and Ravens cheerleader.

After jesting about the physical endurance of Airmen, Mark apologized to the Airmen deployed from the 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., saying: "I can't make fun of my only fan."



Air Force/Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

The Montana Air National Guard 120th Fighter Wing father-son teams of (left to right) Senior Airman Chad Rearden and Tech. Sgt. Terry Rearden, Senior Airman Ethan Clum and Master Sgt. Joel Clum, and Senior Airman Adam Jacoby and Master Sgt. Rodger Jacoby, are reunited following a commander's briefing between work shifts at Balad.

Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

332nd EFS

The Air Expeditionary Force 9/10 rotation has become a family affair for members of the Montana Air National Guard's 120th Fighter Wing deployed here.

Among the more than 200 members working in the hot and arid climate are three fatherson teams of Master Sgt. Joel Clum and Senior Airman Ethan Clum, Master Sgt. Rodger Jacoby and Senior Airman Adam Jacoby, and Technical Sgt. Terry Rearden and Senior Airman Chad Rearden.

While deployed to Iraq, they are assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron and are providing ground maintenance and support for the Rocky Mountain Coalition F-16C fighter jets taking part in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Like father, like son, each guardsman made the decision to volunteer for the deployment based on their deep sense of patriotism and a chance to contribute their individual skills to the cause of peace and stability in Iraq.

"I feel that we're doing a lot of good here. Of course there are people out there that don't like us, but we're doing what we can to make things better for them," said Sergeant Jacoby.

"I feel pretty proud about being here with both of us doing our part to help out with this cause and it's good to have a touch of home here when you're so many thousands of miles away," said Airman Rearden.

The Airmen credit their fathers as having provided the motivation for them to join.

"He's the big reason why I joined the Guard," said Airman Jacoby. "If he hadn't been in the Guard then I probably wouldn't have thought about it, but I've always liked what he's done. Working on airplanes, especially when I was a little kid, was a big deal for me."

The three fathers serve as mentors and role models for the young airmen to follow and

are proud of their family's service in the Air National Guard.

"I've always presented the Guard as an option and encouraged it and thought that it would be a great experience for them," said Sergeant Clum, adding, "so far two of my four kids have joined the Guard." Sergeant Jacoby agreed. "I believe I had a good influence on him (Adam) joining the Guard, I was proud. I've also had two daughters previously in the Guard, so we're Guard family oriented."

It's not unusual to find sons or daughters following in their parents' footsteps in the Montana Air National Guard. Brothers and sisters also proudly serve together in the unit.

The Clums, Jacobys and Reardens may exemplify the "Guard family" concept, but there's no need to be related to be a member of this group of guardsmen.

The 120th Fighter Wing has always considered itself a family organization regardless of its ancestry.

Alarm conditions revisited: Readiness clarifies defensive actions

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Fisher

332nd ECES/Readiness

There has been some confusion around Balad about what to do during the different alarm conditions.

In order to alleviate this confusion, outlined below are the required response actions to be taken during each condition:

ALARM RED

- ☐ Personnel are to immediately take cover at the closest shelter or barrier (anything that offers blast protection). Do not run to your tent or work center unless it is the closest shelter to your location.
- ☐ Radio transmissions are to be kept to a minimum (mission critical only) until "ALL CLEAR" is announced.
- ☐ Mission critical personnel (when directed by the command post/SRC) are the only people to move, all others will

remain sheltered.

ALARM YELLOW

- ☐ Post Attack Reconnaissance Teams are released for unexploded ordnance checks and mission essential personnel are authorized to return to duty. Mission essential personnel include emergency responders, on duty aircraft maintenance and force generation personnel and any additional personnel as determined by their commander. If you do not know if you are mission essential, contact your supervisor. All other personnel will remain under cover, unless directed by the survival recovery center or the wing operations center.
- ☐ Radio transmissions are to be kept to a minimum (mission essential only) until "ALL CLEAR" is announced. This will allow for emergency response and PAR teams tasks to be completed without interference. Personnel should begin calling in accountability over

the telephone, not radio.

ALL CLEAR

- ☐ Personnel continue to report accountability using any available method. *EXCEP-TION*: If there is an emergency, keep the radio communication to mission essential only.
- ☐ All personnel return to normal duty unless otherwise directed by the Unit Control Center, Survival Control Center, or Wing Operations Center.
- ☐ Continue to be aware of your surroundings in case of additional UXOs.

Please ensure you and others around you follow the above steps. Additionally, if you are in your tent and notice others are sleeping during an alarm, it is your responsibility to wake them and inform them to put on their protective gear and take cover. You may be saving their lives.

For more information, call the readiness office at 458-1852.

C-bags are more than just excess baggage

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Fisher 332nd ECES/Readiness

What did you do with your C-bag upon arrival in Balad? Did you shove it under your bunk? Cram it into your locker? Are you wondering what to do with it?

Just because the C-bag is not required to be carried with you at all times here that doesn't mean that a weapons of mass destruction attack cannot happen. You need to be prepared.

Upon arrival in Balad, you should first inspect your bag for all the necessary items. You should have a mask, filter, chemical protective pants and jacket, overboots, black rubber gloves and white cotton glove inserts.

If you are missing any items, let your supervisor know right away so they can be ordered.

After ensuring you have all your gear, it needs to be inspected.

Check your mask for tears, holes, missing pieces, elasticity of the head harness, and any other damage. Not only is the mask required to be inspected upon issue, but it should also be inspected every seven days in a wartime environment.

Each time you inspect the mask you need to annotate the 1574 Serviceability Tag, which is the yellow and white card that is stored in your mask carrier.

On the back there should be three columns. Write the date you have inspected the mask, your initials, and the date the next inspection is due in each of the three columns.

The next step is to install a new filter on the mask. Carefully remove the filter from the canister, inspect it to ensure it is in good condition, and then screw it into the inlet valve assembly.

Be sure to carefully dispose of the empty canister - the edges will be sharp. Once you have installed the new filter onto the mask, the 1574 needs to be annotated once again. On the front of the tag in the 'Remarks' section, you need to enter the date you have installed the filter onto the mask and the lot number of the filter, which is found on the filter itself.

You should retain the old filter and turn it in to your supply unit at your home base for disposal. The newly installed canister will then become the training filter for that mask when you return home.

Also, each time a new filter is installed, be sure to change the date on the 1574. It is your responsibility to ensure a new filter is installed as required.

In our AOR, the filter lasts 39 weeks. After this period of time, a new filter needs to be installed. Take your life into your own hands and know this valuable information.

After you have installed a filter on your mask and annotated the inspection tag, inspect the hood and then install it onto the mask. At this time you should also open and inspect one pair of rubber gloves and cotton inserts so they are ready for use.

DO NOT remove your chemical protective overgarments (pants and jacket) from the sealed

bags. These should be opened immediately before donning, as exposure to air degrades the suits. However, be sure to inspect the bags and ensure they are not damaged.

Once you have inspected and prepared your gear for use here, be sure to store it in a convenient, easily-accessible location. You never know when you may need to quickly access and don your gear.

By taking these steps, you will not only be following the proper procedures, but more importantly, you will be prepared for a nonotice weapons of mass destruction incident or attack. This may save your life.

Additional information about the chemical protective gear, inspection procedures and other readiness-related issues can be found in AFMAN 10-100, the Airman's Manual, which is accessible on the readiness webpage under the 'ATSO' link or by calling the readiness office at 458-1861.

Government vehicle care

332nd ELRS urges customers to take care of government transportation

Senior Master Sgt. Gary McLean

332 ELRS/LGRV

It's safe to say that leased vehicles are among the most critical assets needed for mission accomplishment here.

Accordingly, lots of questions and confusion exists concerning their use, care, and upkeep, especially with our recent personnel turnover.

The primary mission of the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle management flight is to ensure the proper maintenance, management, and distribution of our scarce vehicle fleet. With that, we want to pass along some general information, rules, guidelines, and tips for vehicle users to know.

First, everybody that operates a leased vehicle here needs to remember these assets are considered government-owned vehicles and must be utilized as such. Delaying turning in vehicles for maintenance is purely vehicle abuse and can also be unsafe.

The longer vehicles go without proper preventive maintenance or repairs makes for longer downtimes and turnaround, more wear and tear, and could create a hazard to mission completion, not to mention hazards to life and limb. The faster we figure out the problem and are able to act on it, the faster a vehicle makes its way back to the customer.

Immediately inform your unit's vehicle control officer of any problems with your leased vehicle and provide him/her with the vehicle identification number of the vehicle in question. Providing this information enables your VCO to properly



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

Staff Sgt. Michael Powell, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, prepares to remove a pump assembly on a 7,000 gallon water trailer Wednesday.

identify the asset to Vehicle Maintenance. Unit VCOs should contact vehicle management and analysis to report discrepancies for your lease vehicles.

Only VCOs should report discrepancies, but if the situation warrants, err to the side of caution and contact us directly. Depending on the contractor that owns your lease vehicle, a date will be scheduled with the VCO to turn in the vehicle for maintenance

The time period for repairs will likely be during the first two weeks of each month.

Serious discrepancies such as safety items (brakes, lights, broken windshields, dashboard warning indicators, low fluid levels, etc.) require that the vehicle be turned in as soon as possible despite the time of the month.

Unit VCOs will advise users within their organizations when to turn in their lease vehicles for maintenance.

It's likely that the user, not the unit VCO, will be on the hook for vehicle turn-in to maintenance

Report to the vehicle maintenance customer service function when turning a vehicle in for maintenance. A customer service representative will complete a work request for the leased vehicle at that time. Ensure that all discrepancies are briefed to customer service.

Also, be prepared to be without the vehicle for a short time. The vehicle's return time will be determined by availability of parts and approval for the contractor to access the base.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide replacement vehicles at this time as our U-Drive-It fleet is almost completely depleted from mission expansion and delays in receiving new leased vehicles.

There are also some things you need to know about organizational care and upkeep of leased vehicles.

A lot of folks have been asking where to get fuel for their leased vehicles. The service station (Bldg. 8011), on Marine Road, pumps the gas for you. As for services like obtaining replacement windshield washer fluid, your unit is responsible for procuring and maintaining these type products for your vehicles. A good rule of thumb is to contact your VCO.

Currently one contractor of our leased vehicles, GSCS, offers washing of their vehicles. They will wash your vehicles during their maintenance period, the first two weeks of the month. The wash area is behind vehicle maintenance at the double HAS (Bldg. 4837).

Contact vehicle management and analysis before coming out for wash service to determine contractor availability.

Other contractor-owned leased vehicles can be washed at the fuel station, Bldg 8011.

Try to wash your vehicles as often as possible. The better the vehicle's condition, the less tax dollars will be used when it's time to return leased vehicles to the contractor.

The vehicle management flight is here for your vehicle needs and concerns. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions on vehicle issues.

Handy phone #s

Vehicle Manager: 458-1187 Vehicle Dispatch: 458-1188

Vehicle Management & Analysis: 458-1189 Vehicle Maintenance Customer Service: 458-1190

WORD IN THE DESERT

If you weren't deployed here, what would you have done for Independence day?



SSgt. Regena Greene 332nd AEW

"I would be with family and friends at a barbecue and then we'd all watch the fireworks."



SrA Zachary Dickinson
332nd AEW/CP
"I would probably be blowi

"I would probably be blowing up something."



rA Christina Manuel 32nd ECONS

"I would be partying it up in Tokyo at the nightclubs."



SSgt. Maria Webster 379th EAES

"I'd have a barbecue with my family in Maryland and go to the beach."



A1C Christie Grimmage 332nd ESVS

"I would probably be with my fellow Christian brothers and sisters in a worship service at Minot. Then we'd have a cookout afterward."

On July 4th, 1776, the Second Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence, sparking a war that would signal the start of a great nation.

Since that day 228 years ago, more than one million American service men and women have given their lives to protect our independence.

Even today, in countries all across the world, we are still fighting to protect and spread our way of life.

Service men and women are still dying, still giving their blood so that many may live free. This Independence Day, I charge you to take a moment and remember those who have fallen, and those who are still falling for America.

I would like to thank each and every one of you. Whether you are a plumber installing a toilet or a pilot patrolling the skies, each and every one of you makes a difference.

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I could not think of a better time to be serving for The United States of America. Walk tall this day, as you are the reason we may still celebrate independence. From the bottom of my heart, thank you brothers and sisters and keep doing what you do.

Senior Airman Derek Allar 332nd ECES

Fighting fire with foam



ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam --Contractors for the 36th Air Base Wingís civil
engineer squadron test and evaluate a highexpansion foam system here June 30. The
system helps fight fires inside aircraft hangars

by covering the hangar with up to 12 feet of fire-retardant foam.

Defense briefs —

SECAF approves 'V' device for heroism award

WASHINGTON -- Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche has authorized use of the "V" device, to represent valor, on Distinguished Flying Crosses awarded for heroism.

The decision is intended to clearly distinguish and denote a DFC awarded for heroism. It allows any Reserve, Guard or active-duty Airman or Air Force DFC recipient honored for heroism on or after Sept. 18, 1947, to wear the "V" device on the DFC.

The approval is effective immediately; Airmen previously awarded the DFC for heroism, as indicated on the citation, certificate or order, are now authorized to wear the "V" device.

Casey takes over Iraq commander's reins from Sanchez

WASHINGTON -- Army Gen. George Casey became the senior U.S. military commander in Iraq, taking over the reins from Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez July 1.

Casey, who'd previously served in the Pentagon as the Army's vice chief of staff, now commands 160,000 U.S. and coalition troops that make up Multinational Forces Iraq. The change-of-command ceremony was held at a U.S. military base in Baghdad. U.S. Central Command chief Army Gen. John Abizaid participated. Sanchez is slated to return to his former assignment as commander of the Army's 5th Corps in Germany.

Suspect in base killings in custody

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- An Airman here suspected of killing two people and injuring another in base housing July 5 is in pretrial confinement at a local jail.

The suspect was apprehended here July 5 by Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents. Base officials said he has not yet been formally charged, and they did not release his name. At about 5 a.m. July 5, security forces Airmen found Senior Airman Andrew Schliepsiek of the 54th Combat Communications Squadron and his wife, Jamie, dead in their base residence.

Another Airman was found injured in a separate location within base housing and was taken to a nearby medical center where he is in stable condition.

Air Force uniform board releases results

Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Air Force officials recently released the results of the 96th Air Force Uniform Board held June 18 and 19.

The chief of staff approved a number of changes, affecting everything from cell phones to scarves. Among the changes are:

- ☐ Establish a standardized Air Force physical training uniform.
- ☐ Redesign the female lightweight blue jacket.
- ☐ Authorize the lightweight blue jacket to be worn indoors.
- ☐ Authorize, as an option, to have the Air Force symbol embroidered on the lightweight blue jacket.

- ☐ Offer the A-line skirt as an optional item.
- ☐ Redesign and revise maternity uniforms.
- ☐ Authorize the black scarf only with all Air Force uniforms, eliminating white, gray and olive drab options.
- ☐ Authorize conservative ornamentation on nonprescription sunglasses and eyeglasses.
- ☐ Authorize one small, black, nondescript personal digital assistant, pager or cellular phone at a time to be worn on the uniform belt.
- ☐ Allow females to wear small, black spherical earrings when in uniform.
- ☐ Allow black web belts or black riggers belts with nondescript buckles as an optional item with the battle dress uniform.
- ☐ Remove the requirement to wear a tie or tab with short-sleeved shirt or blouse while traveling on a commercial airline.

- ☐ Authorize wear of a backpack over both shoulders.
- ☐ Authorize only a solid-color black backpack with blue uniform combinations and solid black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpack with battle dress uniforms.
 - ☐ Redesign the security forces beret.
- ☐ Allow the wear of plain black conservative hairpins, combs, headbands, elastic bands and barrettes with all female hair colors.
- ☐ Allow males to cleanly shave their heads or have military high-and-tight haircuts; females are not authorized to shave their heads or wear high-and-tight haircuts.

More information about these and other uniform board decisions will be included in the next update of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, being released this summer.



T-Town Chapel Schedule

Sundays:

Protestant Religious Education, 8 a.m. Protestant Worship, 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Catholic Mass, 10:30 a.m. LDS Sacrament meeting, 7 p.m. LDS S.S., 8 p.m.

Tuesdays:

Catholic Mass, 7 p.m. Catholic Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Purpose Driven Life, 8 p.m.

Thursdays:

LDS Study Group, 7 p.m.

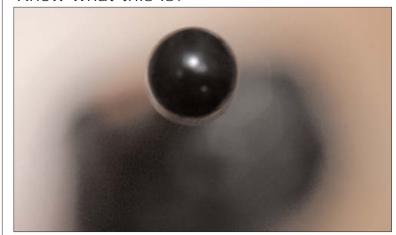
Catholic Mass, 5:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship, 7 p.m.

Saturdays:

Protestant Communion, 7 p.m.

Band of Brothers (Men's Fellowship), 8:30 p.m.

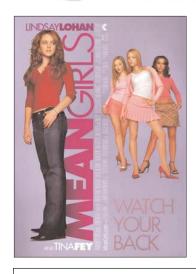
Know what this is?



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

Each week, the Red Tail Flyer staff will take a photo from around Balad. If you can identify the object or item, shoot us an e-mail at redtailflyer@blab.aorcentaf.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject block. The first person who sends in the correct answer wins a prize and will get their name printed in this publication. Congratulations to Stephen Bahurinsky, 332nd Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, who correctly identified last week's DCU floppy hat ventilation cover.

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Schedule is subject to change

Today 3 p.m. - Mean Girls

6 p.m. - Van Helsing

9 p.m. - The Notebook

Saturday 3 p.m. - The Notebook

6 p.m. - New York Minute

9 p.m. - The Terminal

Sunday 3 p.m. - Mean Girls

6 p.m. - The

Notebook

9 p.m. - Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story

Monday 3 p.m. - New York Minute

6 p.m. - The Notebook

9 p.m. - Van Helsing

Tuesd<u>a</u>y 3 p.m. - The Notebook

6 p.m. - Connie & Carla

9 p.m. - New York Minute

Wednesday 3 p.m. - Van Helsing

6 p.m. - The Notebook

9 p.m. - Mean Girls

Thursday 3 p.m. - New York Minute

6 p.m. - Van Helsing

9 p.m. - The Notebook



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